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1. Attached for your information and for passing to UPHILL at your discretion are statements taken from ☐ ☐ reports on the organization referred to briefly in para. 1 of EGMW-10316. The material has been translated and reorganized slightly but is basically in the form in which it was received. When you pass it to UPHILL please emphasize the fact that we have not yet had time, because of other pressures and priorities, to reinterrogate ☐ ☐ on this subject. As soon as feasible, efforts will be made to find out who ☐ ☐ sources were, in what context discussions took place, etc., hopefully with results which will make the material more meaningful and permit proper evaluation.

2. As you can imagine, we were rather astounded at the coincidence of the appearance from UPHILL of the material in MMH-4576 concerning SKORZENY activities very similar to those described in attachment. We consider it fortunate that UPHILL produced their information first, as they are not in a position to view attachment quite as skeptically as they otherwise might have liked to appear. Aside from the value of our making a maximum of REVISION material available to UPHILL, we feel that the attachment is a significant document for KUBARK to have passed in the context of the recent UPHILL Eichmann study handcarried to Robert A. Ascham. On the one hand, attachment confirms significantly the UPHILL thesis that the Soviets are taking intensive action in this connection against the Federal Republic, and also gives some support to UPHILL's longstanding claims concerning penetration of the BRV. On the other hand, the document having thus established to a degree its own credibility in UPHILL eyes, then proceeds to make the point that there may well be dangerous Nazi elements still underground whose threat is perhaps intensified by Soviet control, -- a thesis we should otherwise be in a poor position to propose to UPHILL. Finally, the implication of possible UPHILL penetration will very likely exert a sobering effect which in itself is not without psychological value.

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RIS-Penetrated Secret Nazi Cadre Organization

A Nazi cadre organization which is clandestinely manipulated and directed by RIS penetration agents has been active for years. This organization has various bases in the German federal apparatus and also secretly controls the activities of various legal radical political organizations in the Federal Republic, such as the Deutsche Reichspartei. Following are mosaic pieces which I have been able to learn over a long period.

Historical introduction

At the end of 1943, in view of the approaching defeat of the Third Reich, the NSDAP boss BORMANN began to build up a secret Nazi cadre organization unknown to HITLER and other Nazi leaders. This organization (hereafter referred to as HACKER) was set up according to the organizational plan of a Free Mason lodge in that there were strict "secret circles," highest of which was formed by BORMANN and four other unidentified Nazi leaders. The organization was further set up according to the "V" pattern (5 persons); members of one "V" became leaders of further "V"s, and the leadership was anonymous to the lower circles. For security reasons BORMANN spread the story in the lower "V"s that HIMMLER was behind the organization, and succeeded in this because MUELLER, the Chief of Department IV of the RSHA, was on his side because he could foresee the coming defeat. The first reports on HACKER were received from MUELLER, who at the beginning of 1944 or even earlier had been appropriately influenced by the chief Gestapo officer in Danzig, which was directed by LOELIGER. (This case, an important one for the Soviets, was run personally by General YABUKOV, who was shot after the death of STALIN. Only a few people in the RIS and RIS/CR knew about this mysterious matter.)

According to BORMANN's plan, the organization was supposed to be numerically limited (allegedly there were only 35 members as of 1944), was to be expanded according to the existing situation and above all was to influence affairs entirely clandestinely. For security reasons bases were established abroad to permit freedom and security of operation after the defeat of Germany. The main bases were set up by the end of 1944, especially in Spain, Portugal, Argentina, Japan and Italy and an enormous organizational capital in gold, jewelry and cash, all from concentration camp booty, was collected (approximate value half a million dollars).

Only a few members of the RSHA and SS knew about this organization because of the deep conflict between BORMANN and HIMMLER. As soon as it got wind of its existence, however, the RIS immediately recognized its importance and did everything possible to obtain control and direct the organization toward long range goals.

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The opportunity offered for exploitation of the group for RIE purposes was self evident. Without waiting for the end of the war ABAKUMOW recruited a few members of the organization, by blackmail as well as by threats of denunciation to HITLER and HIMMLER. ABAKUMOW at that time was not getting sufficient information on HACKE from Gestapo Chief MUELLER, who was exploited but not completely trusted by BORMANN. After the war the MGB did what it could to learn everything possible and according to available information succeeded in its efforts. The KGB evaluates this affair so highly, in fact, that information which is learned through penetration of this organization is not exploited in ordinary CE operations.

Postwar period:

After the war the MGB concentrated on maximum investigation of HACKE and maximum infiltration of MGB agents into its membership. The organization expanded around 1947-48 and this opportunity was exploited. Also, HACKE assumed even more importance to the MGB because it kept alive the old Nazi slogan, "Fight the Jews and plutocrats in the USA," and had as a goal the founding of a Fourth Reich. It thus was always hostile to America and has remained so.

In 1950 in Danzig the former Gauleiter FOERSTER was sentenced to death as a war criminal. The sentence was not carried out, however, up to 1952. According to MUELLER's reports, FOERSTER was a member of HACKE. Representatives of the MGB as well as representatives of the former MRP interrogated FOERSTER continuously after his death sentence (above all the notorious chief of the Investigative Department, Colonel KOZANSKI) in order to squeeze out of FOERSTER information about HACKE among other things. FOERSTER did not withstand the pressure of imminent death, which lasted almost two years, and told everything he knew. Immediately after he began to talk, around the middle of 1952, he was taken out of the Danzig prison by special representatives of the MGB and was taken to Moscow on a special plane. Since that time all traces of FOERSTER have vanished and it is not clear whether he still lives today or was executed or "escaped" from the USSR as a MGB agent in order to play his role in HACKE.

At the time of the trial of the former Gauleiter KOCH in Warsaw, General MOZAR learned that KOCH had been kept in the USSR in order to squeeze information about HACKE out of him, too, but this did not fully succeed so they tried to put pressure on him by means of the trial. It allegedly turned out that KOCH actually knew something about HACKE but he himself was not a member.

In about 1947 the former Department I (now Department I*) and the Department VII (now Department I) recruited in West Germany the veteran Abwehr and Gestapo officer KASZUBOWSKI alias LARSEN. LARSEN had been spotted by Major LOELSEN, chief of the main STAPD office in Danzig, who had been doubled by the RIE around 1943 and who formerly had been a close collaborator of LARSEN. The agent KASZUBOWSKI

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GLARSEN was run with great success for a long time by the retired Major REGULSKI (or REGULSKI), now assigned to the Polish Mission in Bern. However, in this connection an action took place which is typical of the activity of the KGB. KASZUBOWSKI @GLARSEN built up such a good position in West Germany, because of his earlier Gestapo activity, that he was considered for the leading position in the BfV, which was being organized at that time. This was contrary to the plans of ABAKUMOV, who had already prepared and pushed forward his own agent (who belonged to HACKE) for this post. The latter, whose name is unknown to me, is supposed to have had even greater merits, to have been more intelligent than KASZUBOWSKI and, in ABAKUMOV's opinion, to have been more secure than KASZUBOWSKI. An argument broke out between the KGB and the MVD. At that time the KGB was stronger and because of pressure by BERIA and General BESBARODOV, KASZUBOWSKI was arrested around 1951 or 1952 at a meeting with REGULSKI in Berlin, was transferred to Warsaw and locked in prison there as a war criminal. He allegedly was in prison for about 5 years without trial, was released around 1956 or 1957 and repatriated to West Germany. In this way, the agent of ABAKUMOV had a free path, without competition from other agents, although it turned out later that ABAKUMOV's plan went awry and the agent who had been planned for the top job in the BfV did not get the job. Before KASZUBOWSKI's release the Russians tried to re-win him for further activity in the Federal Republic but he laughed at them. Thereafter the Poles (Department II) negotiated with him and after a great deal of discussion KASZUBOWSKI agreed to continue working for Poland but in no case for the Soviets. Thus, KASZUBOWSKI is still a CR agent of Department II but in reality is directed by the Chief Directorate II of the KGB.

After KASZUBOWSKI, who is a most experienced CR officer, has become acclimatized and has proved by his activity that he is secure, the KGB plans to steer him towards HACKE and to exploit him there. This is a hypothetical plan which is supposed to take place after a long time. In my opinion, it would not be difficult to work on KASZUBOWSKI and to interrogate him. He undoubtedly has a complex because he knows that he was kept in prison for years on Soviet orders. Please note that he may have reported fragmentarily after his return to West Germany, on instruction of Department II for the purpose of establishing his "bona fides."

After the scandal with KASZUBOWSKI, REGULSKI tendered his resignation, was released from Department VII and entered the Diplomatic Service. He apparently is not active now as an intelligence officer. Formerly, however, he ran very important agents.

One of the dark and dangerous KGB figures in HACKE is the famous SS Colonel SKORZENY who now lives in Madrid and also works for the Spanish IS. SKORZENY was under active development by ABAKUMOV as early as 1942. He allegedly was doubled by ABAKUMOV during the war. There was a period, however, when he was suspected by the MVD of playing a double game. In the opinion of a former high CI chief in Poland who used to work very closely with BESBARODOV, SKORZENY was finally recruited as a collaborator of ABAKUMOV in the middle of 1944 and, shortly before the end of the war through clever maneuvers which exploited the stupidity of the RSHA chief KALTENBRUNNER, was appointed chief for a short period of Nazi military intelligence. Through these maneuvers, ABAKUMOV planned above all to catch in time and exploit for himself Nazi Abwehr agents in the United States and South America.

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One of the most dangerous methods of ABAKUMOV was the IS work "under a foreign flag" which has been brought to the point of perfection today by the KGB. To what extent ABAKUMOV succeeded in this plan is not clear but it is certain that in 1955-56 the KGB had a few excellent agents in the United States who had come from the repertoire of the Asst. CANARIS. Naturally SKORZENY has tremendous connections to "old Nazi fighters" and if my facts are true, he is extremely dangerous. I could only discover two clues which serve as slight confirmation of the assertion that SKORZENY is a KGB agent, as follows:

- 1) One of the clandestine contacts of SKORZENY in the Federal Republic is a certain ROGAL, who lived until 1956 in Frankfurt/Main. ~~ROGAL~~ is Lithuanian or comes from Latvia. He is a principal agent of Chief Directorate II of the KGB. He formerly (until 1954) had contact with an AIS officer, E.O. MASON, Red Wildungen, Ottenbergstrasse 1. MASON allegedly ran an IS section working against the Soviet Baltic countries. A co-worker of ROGAL and at the same time a KGB agent is a certain Colonel ~~JANUINS~~ (or something similar), who is Lithuanian. A close contact existed and allegedly exists today between SKORZENY and ROGAL.
- 2) ~~Karl RUDL~~, about 50 years old, works for SKORZENY for the Spanish IS in the Federal Republic. He is a personal friend of SKORZENY who took part with SKORZENY in the liberation of MISSOLINI. RUDL worked for a long time for the French, but even before the French got to him, the RIS recruited him. In 1951 ABAKUMOV learned through RUDL of a Vatican plan to free the Hungarian Cardinal MINDSZENTY from prison and smuggle him to the West. Colonel SKORZENY and RUDL were supposed to take part in this plan. ABAKUMOV, however, planned to liberate MINDSZENTY through SKORZENY and RUDL, to shoot him "during flight," as proof of the connection of the Cardinal and Vatican with old Fascists to shoot RUDL, too, and to allow SKORZENY, whom he valued, to "escape." Somehow RUDL sensed the plot at a contact with ABAKUMOV's special representatives. Because of fear of ABAKUMOV he did not warn SKORZENY but he withdrew from the planned action. After that time the cooperation of RUDL with the KGB weakened and later the contact is supposed to have been broken off for a long time. It is not known whether contact exists at present. It is certain that SKORZENY is active in HACKE. Whether today he is currently working for the KGB is possible but not certain but it would appear to be worthwhile to take a look at such as he.

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One of the leading persons in HACKE is a certain Dr. NEUMANN (allegedly Herbert) in the leadership of the DRP, formerly secretary to GOEBBELS. His activity takes place in the political realm of the DRP, as well as in parallel organization of a legal character. He is being actively investigated through KGB agents in DRP and HACKE. HACKE carries out its political activities clandestinely through various legal organizations, as for example, STAHNHEIM and HIAS (mutual aid society of former SS members). Of the generals organized there, such as Paul HAUSSE, Otto GILKE, Felix STAINER WOLFF and Sepp WITTRICH, the KGB knows General Kurt MEIER (PANZER-MEIER) as well as the literary man Erich KERN-MEYER (former publisher of the HIAS newspaper, Der Freiwillige) to be members of HACKE. The KGB claims that the SS General Paul HAUSSE has a leading position in HACKE in the field of military affairs. HIAS has wide contacts with SS people abroad: in Denmark the Veterans Organization with Erich LAECHEN at its head; in Holland through WIMAG and Director Paul THINN; in Sweden, Belgium, Norway, Austria, Finland and Switzerland. Everywhere there are HACKE contact people and KGB agents who control and secretly manipulate HIAS and HACKE. HIAS has a well organized search organization which has continuous contact with the Austrian and Swiss Red Cross, as well as search organizations like HIMAG in Holland, St. Maartensford in Belgium and Kameradschaft IV in Austria. The HIAS search organization makes it possible for wanted SS criminals to flee abroad (for example, ZINE and Dr. RISELIS). The KGB understands very well how to exploit the possibilities of the search organizations through its agents. Various wanted SS criminals were located by the KGB in this manner and put under pressure, recruited and later sent abroad illegally through the channels of the HIAS search organizations, for espionage and diversionary activities. Allegedly, an illegal residencure working according to the method "under a foreign flag" is in the Near East and consists entirely of individuals of this sort under the command of the KGB.

It is generally known that the HIAS officials have taken up a pro-government line and even negotiate with various political parties like the SPD and the FDP. The legalization tendencies of HIAS in this respect - the introduction of HIAS into the political life of the Federal Republic - are controlled by the KGB and clandestinely manipulated to KGB ends. The KGB is working toward the goal of utilizing such opportunities for agent activity to bring about the destruction of the Federal Republic.

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